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BEWITCHED BY A JUGGLER.

Tricks of the Magic Art as Practice

in India.

writing from India regarding the theo-

A correspondent of Scottish Nights,

of India, who tried to instruct me how to perform these tricks. He said it was all imaginary on the part of the spectators, as he simply willed that they should see these things. The most exciting performance that he gave for my amusement was the converting of a bamboo stick into a native servant, who waited at table and supplied our wants. Afterward-in his absence-I tried it on and to my surprise the same man was before me asking for instructions. I directed him to fill the chatties in the veranda with water from the well in the compound. This he proceeded to do. When he had filled them all to overflowing I requested him to stop. He, however, took no notice of me and went on stolldly bringing in the water, until, in my excited imagination, it seemed that the bungalow would be washed away. Finding that I could not arrest or stop his movements, he passing through me as though I did not exist,I drew my sword and lay in wait for him. Making a slash, I apparently cut him in twain, when, lo! there were two men bringing in the water, neither of whom I could restrain or prevent from doing so. I was completely out of my depth, when I heard a quiet laugh behind me, and on turning I found it was my instructor, who held up his right hand and the two men disappeared, the stick resuming its place in the veranda, and, to crown all, there was not the slightest sign of any water having been brought in. I excitedly appealed to him for an explanation. He said that he had been present all the time, having willed that he should be invisible to me, and that I should imagine myself to see and do what I though: had taken place. In order to prove it, he asked me to step out into the compound and directed my attention to a huge cavern, which knew was not there before. As I entered a number of huge elephants and camels issued from it in a continuous stream, yet I could not touch one of them. They apparently passed over

FOUGHT A BIG EAGLE.

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again raised his hand and the cavern

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no indiction of an exodus of any kind."

Man and Dog No Match for the King of Birds Taylor Hoffman of Jersey City came

down to the pine woods of Atlantic county on a gunning expedition a few days ago, says the Philadelphia Record. He has had tolerably good luck, but ran plump into an experience on the trip which paid him for all the time spent in looking for game. Hoffman had put in a hard day of tramping and by the end of the afternoon was pretty well fagged out, as was his dog. The weather was warm and the shade of the woods grateful, so Hoffman stretched himself out beneath a tree for a good rest. His dog dropped down close to him. Hoffman fell into a doze, but was soon awakened by a flerce commotion, in which canine howls were As he held his dog in fierce combat with an immense bald eagle, and the beast was getting the worst of it. Hoffman was afraid to fire his gun, because of the chances of killing his dog, so he got a club and sailed in. The bird of freedom quickly turned upon its new foeand fought as only eagles can fight. Hoffman found himself in a sorry predicament, for he was no match for the big bird. So close was the fighting that he could not use the club to advantage, and the eagle had the sagacity to fly high enough to escape the dog, all the while using its great, ugly talons and beak with flerce strength, At length Hoffman fell exhausted and his dog, with renewed strength, returned to the encounter. Weakened by the contest, the eagle took itself off and disappeared. Hoffman was cut and bruised in many places, but was

PLAYING A FUNNY GAME. Why the Lambs Are Always Fleeced on the Stock Exchange.

The use of chips and counters is a great convenience in such games as poker, fare and the like, says the Arena. The business, so called, of the stock exchange in Wall street and elsewhere is carried on by the use of tokens or bits of paper designated as bonds and stock certificates, which are supposed to entitle the holders of them to certain dividends to be declared by managers of railway and other corporations, or to certain interest installment, mayable at stated times. The croupler at fare guarantees prompt payment in cash to the chip holders at the end of the game. "he seller of stocks and bonds in the game in "the street" guarantees nothing except the title and the genuineness of the chips. The purchaser buys under the rule caveat emptor as to price and value. The value of his purchase depends upon the volume of railway traffic, transportation rates, the state of the money market, the ability, the horsesty or dishonesty of corporation ms nagers, the manner in which corporation reports and accounts are made and kept, whether these reports and accounts are fair or "cooked," whether the officers wear "smoked glasses," and the like. Now, it is plain that the so-called "lambs" are at a disadvan tage in this business, or game. In faro the "splits" give the dealer a small percentage of advantage, but this the player understands and many calculate on; the contingencies and rascalities in the stock-dealing game, however, are to cover the expenses of his undertak-

PRESENT RUSSIAN PREMIER.

Successful. It is too early for judgment to be passed on Dr. Miquel's work as minister; even his admirers admit that his schemes-and they are many-are not all perfect, while that some of them have considerable merit his bitterest foes allow, says the Niueteenth Century. Prussian finances were in a deplorable condition when he accepted office; expenditure was increasing by leaps and bounds, and without any corresponding increase of income. Although he worked night and day-he can work for longer hours than almost any other man in Europe-pinching, saving, devising ingenious expedients for raising money, for some time it was all in vain; year after year he had to face the landtag with a deficit. The first reform he attempted has certainly proved a brilliant success; it has adjusted, in some degree, at least, the burden of taxation to the backs that are best able to bear it. Already in 1891 he succeeded in passing a progressive income tax—a startling innovation in Pruseia—by which while 4 per cent is levied on incomes above 100,000 marks a year, only two-thirds of I per cent is levied on those between 6,000 and 950, and nothing at all on those under 950 marks. The very next year he put a stop to a scandalous anomaly by abolishing the taxation immunity enforced theretofore by certain princes and nobles, and forcing them, as their less distinguished fellows, to contribute to the state exxchequer. Then in 1893 he placed a progressive tax on property, personal as well as real, above 6,000 marks in value. These measures, without entailing any great sacrifice on the poorer class of taxpayers, have resulted in a considerable increase of revenue-so considerable, indeed, that last January Dr. Miquel was able to aunounce to the landtag that he had a surplus of 60,000,000 marks, and that he hoped to have one of 80,000,000 marks next year. Thereupon the emperor promptly showed his apprecia-

A Famous Buddhist Shrine.

Black Eagle.

tion of the work his own special min-

ister was doing by ennobling him and

bestowing on him the order of the

The "Shway Dagohn," at Rangoon, or the Temple of the Golden Supreme, is the highest gilded pagoda in the world, and one of the most ancient and venerated shrines in existence. Its proportions and height are magnificent; wide at the base, it shoots up 370 feet, tapering gradually away until crowned by its alry golden Htee, or umbrella-shaped roof. This structure is studded profusely with precious stones, and hung around with scores of tiny gold and pewelled bells, which, when swung lightly by the breeze give out the tenderest and most mystic of melodies. The Htee was the gift of King Mindohn-Min, and it is said to have cost the enormous sum of £50,000. The Great Pagoda is believed by the faithful to have been erected in 588 B. C. The founders of the Great Pagoda brought the eight holy hairs of Buddha to the Thengoothara, Hill, the spot where the pagoda now stands. It also possess in the relic chamber the drinking cup of Kankkathan, the "thengan," or robe, of Gawnagohng, and the "toungway," or staff, of Kathapah. It is, therefore, so holy that pilgrims visit this shrine from far countries, such as Siam, and even the Corea. The height of the pagoda was originally only 27 feet, but it has attained its present proportions by be-"-- constantly increased in bricks.

Her Debut Into Politics.

From the Kansas City Journal: In 1890 the Farmers' alliance sprang into existence and Mrs. Lease wanted her husband to join the movement and become a politician. But he declared that he was not of the stuff of which politicians are made and suggested that she go into it herself and leave him in peace. "Mrs. Lease had never thought of entering politics, but she consented to try it. How, when and where to get the first speech off was the puzzle. Finally a neighbor, Dixon, was taken into the deal and he arranged it so that Mrs. Lease could appear before the next Farmers' alliance county convention and make a talk. She was there on the appointed day, and as soon as her name was mentioned she rose and made a bee line to the stage. Her malden speech, they say, was a stemwinder. She was the sensation of the hour, and before that campaign was over Mrs. Lease was the best advertised politician in Kan-

Old Man's Singular Freak.

A few years ago a singular ceremony was gone through at a village in the You'ne department, France. For a year gravediggers and masons had been engaged in preparing the tomb of a ric.h and eccentric old gentleman of the ne lighborhood. When it was ready he ha d a handsome marble slab put up, wi th the date of his birth and the list of . ils titles and distinctions, winding up with the comforting assurance that he "had been a good father and a law-abid ing citizen" inscribed thereon. On his ninety-fifth birthday all his friends as id acquaintances were invited to the rehearsal of his funeral. A burial serv ice took place at the church and his em, sty coffin was placed under a catafalque and surrounded with was candles.

A Gorman Sele intist's Great Undertaking Herr Schult te, of the Berlin Academy of Sciences, has taken upon himself the formid able task of preparing work describing all animals that exist now or have existed within historic time. The academy allows him \$7,000

#### ITEMS OF NEWS.

IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING MATTERS IN BRIEF.

Germany Assumes a Threatening Attitude Toward Both China and Hayti-Explosion of 80 Quarts of Nitro-Glycerin Badly Damages Three Towns

Germany Acting Very Warlike. Advices from Berlin state that Emperor William has ordered a large fleet to proceed to Chinese waters, where some active work and possible fighting is confidently expected. Great signifi-cance is attached to his recent remark that Germany must forestall England. It is also asserted that before seizing Kiao-Chau by the Germans, the czar of Russia was consulted and a tacit understanding was arrived at between the rulers regarding the course to be pursued by Germany. It has also been determined to send a warship to Hayti to enforce the demand for indemnity for the imprisonment of Lueders, the alleged German citizen. The Berlin papers express their gratifica-tion at the friendly attitude of the United States, stating that otherwise it would have been a serious affair for

Hayti Appeals to Uncle Sam. The attention of the department of state at Washington has been formally called to the friction between Germany and Hayti, as a result of the arrest by the officials of the latter country of a half-blood named Lueders, who claims to be a German citizen, but who is said to be the son of a German father and a Haytian mother and was born in Hayti. The state department has requested U. S. Ambassador White at Berlin, to ascertain exactly the intentions of Germany with respect to the claims of Herr Lueders. Mr. White has also been instructed if any schemes of annexation exist or if there is an intention to make an excessive demonstration with a view of unduly punishing Hayti, to intimate to the German government that the United States could not tolerate either of the courses before mentioned, though in principle having no objection to Germany ob taining satisfaction within justice

An Explosion Like an Earthquake. Chesterfield, Ind., was almost wiped off the map at an early 'morning hour by the explosion of 80 quarts of nitroglycerin which had been placed in an open field half a mile from the town. James Gold's house, 300 rods distant, was torn to pieces. The explosion tore a hole in the ground down to the water line, : I a three-ton engine was torn to fra ments. Marion Mansey and Sam Maguire were working at a gas well near by and Mansey was thrown 50 feet, but not fatally injured, while Maguire was thrown 100 feet in the air and bidly injured, but will recover. The little town of Chesterfield is a mass of ruins, every house was moved from its foundation, windows shattered, doors smashed in, every light put out, and the plastering shaken from the walls. Several people were shaken out of bed. At Dalesville, two miles away, and at Yorktown, fine miles distant, the damage was almost as great. Many people were injured, and it is a miracle that none were killed outright. The jar was felt for 15 miles in all directions. The gas in the well was blown out and a workman named Cooper lit it and caused another explosion in which he was fatally burned. The damage cannot be estimated.

Capt. Lovering Severely Consured.

In the courtmartial of Capt. Lovering at Fort Sheridan, Chicago, Col. Hunter, acting as judge advocate, severely arraigned Lovering for his trea ment of private Chas. Hammond. In summing up the case Col. Hunter said the testimony showed beyond a doubt that the officer kicked Hammond, prodded him with his sword and cursed him. The incident did not justify Lovering in making a mistake of judgment or losing his temper. If the lact be established that an officer may with impunity order any punishment he pleases to be inflicted upon the soldier it reduces enlisted men to the condition of slavery.

"That Hammond should have been produced in court I do not deny, but that his disobedience and stubbornness justified his being roped and dragged there, and in his prostrate helpless condition kicked and prodded with the sword, I do most emphatically deny, for the officer had about him in the guard soldiers who were able to "ift Hammond and carry him to court." Canada Refuses to Stop Pelugic Sealing

A reply has been prepared by the Dominion government and forwarded to Washington in respect to the negotiations which are now going on between the countries. The government will not say what the reply is until it reaches Mr. Foster at Washington, but it is understood that it is a refusal to stop pelagic scaling for a year as the United States requested. The whole question depended on this and therefore it would appear the negotiations are to fail in their object. However, there is a report that the Canadian government has proposed an alterna-tive proposition for the consideration of the United States.

Turkey Has Another War on Hand. A despatch from Belgrade, Servia, announces that 5,000 Albanians belonging to the districts of Ipek and Diakova are in full revolt against Turkey. A fight occurred between the Ottoman troops dispatched to Uskub from Salonica and Monastir, and the Albanians. The engagement took place near Diakova and both sides lost heavily.

Constantinople: In consequence of the revolt of the Albanians of the dis-tricts of Ipek and Diakova, northeast of Scutart, large bodies of Bulgarian and Servian troops have been ordered to proceed to the disaffected district.

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